Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A seat for a vehicle comprising:

a pair of support frames supported by a vehicle body;

a seatback including a seatback frame made from a pipe and sub-frames made from pipes, upper ends of the sub-frames being respectively coupled to the seatback frame, lower ends of the seatback frame and lower ends of the sub-frames being supported by the support frames ~~with the seatback frame and the sub-frames~~;

a reclining device configured to allow the seatback to tilt and support the seatback in a tilting position, the reclining device being supported by and installed on the support frames; and

a lifter device configured to allow a seat cushion portion to tip up and support the seat cushion portion in a tipping position, the lifter device being supported by and installed on the support frames.

6. (Currently Amended) The seat of claim 5, wherein each lower end of the seatback ~~frames~~ frame and each lower end of the sub-frames [[is]] are separated to have space in a fore-aft direction and the reclining device falls within the space.

7. (Previously Presented) The seat of claim 5, wherein the reclining device comprises a device mechanism and covers lower ends of the seatback frame and the lower ends of the sub-frames.

8. (Currently Amended) The seat ~~set forth in any of claims~~ of claim 5, wherein the lifter device comprises a sector gear and a gear to allow the seat cushion portion to tip up and support the seat cushion portion in a tipping position.

9. (Currently Amended) A seat for a vehicle comprising:

a pair of support members for being supported by a vehicle body;

a seatback including a seatback frame having lower ends and ~~a sub-frame~~ sub-frames having [[an]] upper ~~end~~ ends and [[a]] lower ~~end~~ ends, the upper ~~end~~ ends of the ~~sub-frame~~ sub-frames being coupled to the seatback frame, the lower ends of the seatback frame and the lower ends of the sub-frames being supported by the pair of support members;

a reclining device configured to allow the seatback to tilt and support the seatback in a tilted position, the reclining device being supported by and installed on the pair of support members; and

a lifter device configured to allow a seat cushion portion to tip up and support the seat cushion portion in a tipped position, the lifter device being supported by and installed on the pair of support members, wherein each lower end of the seatback frames and the lower ~~end~~ of the sub-frame is offset to provide space in a fore-aft direction and the reclining device is located within the space.

10. (Currently Amended) The seat of claim 9, wherein the reclining device comprises a device mechanism and covers lower ends of the seatback frame and the lower ~~end~~ ends of the ~~sub-frame~~ sub-frames.

11. (Previously Presented) The seat of claim 9, wherein the lifter device comprises a sector gear and a gear to allow the seat cushion portion to tip up and support the seat cushion portion in a tipped position.

12. (Currently Amended) A seat for a vehicle comprising:

a pair of support members for being supported by a vehicle body;

a seatback including a seatback frame having lower ends and ~~a sub-frame~~ sub-frames having [[an]] upper ~~end~~ ends and [[a]] lower ~~end~~ ends, the upper ~~end~~ ends of the ~~sub-frame~~ sub-frames being coupled to the seatback frame, the lower ends of the seatback frame and the lower ends of the sub-frames being supported by the pair of support members;

a reclining device configured to allow the seatback to tilt and support the seatback in a tilted position, the reclining device being coupled to the pair of support members; and

a lifter device configured to allow a seat cushion portion to tip up and support the seat cushion portion in a tipped position, the lifter device being coupled to the pair of support members, wherein the reclining device comprises a device mechanism and covers lower ends of the seatback frame and the lower ~~end~~ ends of the ~~sub-frame~~ sub-frames.

13. (Previously Presented) The seat of claim 12, wherein the lifter device comprises a sector gear and a gear to allow the seat cushion portion to tip up and support the seat cushion portion in a tipped position.

14. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat comprising:

first and second support members;

a seatback movably coupled to the first and second support members and including a first frame, ~~and~~ a second ~~tubular~~ frame and a third frame, the second frame and the third frame having first ends coupled to the first frame and second ends, ends of the first frame and second ends of the second frame and the third frame being supported by the first and second support members;

a reclining device configured to allow the seatback to tilt and to support the seatback in a tilted position, wherein the reclining device is coupled to the first and second support members; and

a lifter device configured to allow a seat cushion portion to tip up and support the seat cushion portion in a tipped position, wherein the lifter is coupled to the first and second support members.

15. (Previously Presented) The seat of claim 14, wherein the first frame is a tubular frame.

16. (Currently Amended) The seat of claim 14, wherein the second frame ~~is a~~ and the third frame are tubular ~~frame~~ frames.

17. (Currently Amended) The seat of claim 14, wherein the first ends of the second frame and the third frame are welded to the first frame.

18. (Currently Amended) The seat of claim 14, wherein each lower end of the first frame is spaced apart from each lower end of the second frame and the third frame in a fore-aft direction.

19. (Currently Amended) The seat of claim 18, wherein the reclining device is supported in the space provided between a lower end of the first frame and [[a]] the lower end of the second frame.

20. (Previously Presented) The seat of claim 14, wherein the lifter includes a first gear in meshing engagement with a second gear to allow the seat cushion portion to tip up and to support the seat cushion portion in a tipped position.

21. (Previously Presented) The seat of claim 20, wherein the first gear is a sector gear.

22. (Previously Presented) The seat of claim 20, wherein the lifter further comprises a first projection and a second projection on an inner portion of the first and second support members.

23. (Previously Presented) The seat of claim 22, wherein the second gear is pivotally supported by the first projection and the first gear is pivotally supported by the second projection.

24. (New) The seat of claim 5, wherein the upper ends of the sub-frames are welded to the seatback frame.

25. (New) The seat of claim 9, wherein the upper ends of the sub-frames are welded to the seatback frame.

26. (New) The seat of claim 12, wherein the upper ends of the sub-frames are welded to the seatback frame.